

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From Some Editorial Notes:

*The Del Monte Meeting.*—The annual meeting of the State Society, held at Del Monte on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of last month, was in every way a distinct success. There was such a large amount of business introduced, and some of the reports and resolutions were received so late—most of them not being turned in until the time of the meeting—that it is impossible to include the full and official report of the forty-second annual meeting in this issue of the *Journal*. Some of the business matters brought up will be found to be of great importance to our several county societies; other matters were first referred to committees, and these may perhaps have taken some action by the time the next issue is ready for the press.

Throughout the session there was displayed not only keen interest in all matters pertaining to the affairs of the Society and to the business presented, but also a harmony of feeling and a total lack of bitterness or prejudice that speaks strongly for the continuance of improvement in all parts of the State.

The next meeting will be held at Santa Cruz in April, 1913.

The president is Dr. O. D. Hamlin of Oakland.

The first vice-president is Dr. Saxton Pope of Watsonville.

The second vice-president is Dr. Fred Tebbe of Siskiyou.

The secretary is Dr. Philip Mills Jones of San Francisco. . . .

*Doctor Wiley.*—Through the lifetime of a generation Dr. Harvey W. Wiley has served as Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry in the Department of Agriculture. His recent resignation has caused the press of the country to unite in a wail of protest at his departure from an office which he filled with such conspicuous success. Doubtless, Doctor Wiley long ago proved himself peculiarly fitted for the difficult position he occupied: his stupendous energy, his untiring patience, his unswerving honesty, combined with his scientific knowledge, make his record one without equal in his department. Doubtless, had it not been for his persistence, the Food and Drugs Act of 1906 would have been as innocuous to the manufacturers of adulterated foodstuffs as previous pure food legislation had been. . . .

*Keep It in Your Office.*—Ye fortunate mortals who have patients sitting in your reception rooms awaiting their turn, why not put some good reading in said reception room for the improvement of the mind of the waiting person? Why not let him read "Nostrums and Quackery," published by the American Medical Association, price fifty cents, with your name stamped on the outside cover? . . .

*Protecting a Gullible Public.*—Under this caption the Pasadena *Daily News* has an editorial in its issue for March 22 that is well worth reading. The *News* announces its policy in regard to fake and fraudulent "doctor" advertisements. Here is a newspaper the owner of which does not wish to soil his hands with the dirty money—and such "easy money"—of the quack and the charlatan. . . .

From an Article on "Treatment of Severe Cases of Diabetes" by Emile Schmoll, M.D., San Francisco.—The mystery which has always shrouded the etiology of glyco- (Continued in Front Advertising Section, Page 15)

† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association work some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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Secretary-Treasurer

### News

"Attorney-General U. S. Webb today advised Dr. C. B. Pinkham, Secretary-Treasurer of the State Board of Medical Examiners, that cosmetologists are prohibited by law from dropping or spraying liquid preparations in the human eye. Doctor Pinkham requested the opinion after an investigation disclosed that a large number of so-called beauty salons, located in department stores, provided various eye lotions which were used by cosmetologists in treating the patrons' eyes. . . ." (Sacramento *Bee*, March 24, 1937.)

"Governor Frank F. Merriam today appointed Dr. Roy F. Terry, Long Beach, as a member of the State Board of Public Health, succeeding Dr. Gifford L. Sobey, Paso Robles, whose term expired." (Los Angeles *Illustrated Daily News*, March 31, 1937.)

Reappointment of Drs. Edward M. Pallette and George H. Kress, both of Los Angeles, as members of the State Board of Public Health, was announced yesterday by Governor Merriam.

Doctor Pallette, President of the California Medical Association and a surgeon here for thirty-five years, was first appointed by the late Governor Rolph. His new term will expire January 15, 1939.

Doctor Kress, a member of the General Hospital staff here and editor of the California Medical Association journal, was also appointed by Rolph. His term will expire January 15, 1941. (Los Angeles *Examiner*, April 6, 1937.)

J. Walter Clark, D. C., recently addressed to this magazine a communication reading as follows:

In the July to December, 1936, Volume 45, No. 6, edition of your magazine, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, under the heading, California State Board of Medical Examiners—Index XI, there appears this notation: "Clark, J. Walter, D. C., guilty of burglary. Probation three years (July, 1936), Adv. p. 22." I wish to state that I am J. Walter Clark, D. C., and that the above notation is incorrect. I was charged with the receiving of stolen goods—not burglary.

There is a vast difference between these two charges, the charge of burglary being much more detrimental to my character and constitutes felony.

I believe you have either been misinformed or it may be a misprint, but I feel I have the right to ask you to make a correction of this statement in the next issue of this same journal. I feel this is only fair to me and my future as well as to you and the authenticity of your magazine.

The particular item to which objection is made was that appearing under the heading "California State Board of Medical Examiners—Index." No objection is made to the news story which was carried in the July, 1936, issue of said magazine. Such news item read as follows:

Dr. J. Walter Clark, South Gate and Huntington Park chiropractor, today was free on three years' probation in connection with the burglarizing of the Los Angeles Drug Company of \$30,000 worth of drug accessories in five months.

This item was quoted as being taken from the Huntington Park *Signal*, May 9, 1936.

Since receipt of Doctor Clark's communication we have sought further information as to the offense of which Doctor Clark was found guilty. The Los Angeles Police Department, under date of April 9, 1937, advises that Walter J. Clark, No. 31707-M11, was arrested by that

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